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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KORMAN.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal sections 337.615, 337.643, and 337.645, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to social work practice.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 337.615, 337.643, and 337.645, RSMo, are repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 337.615, 337.643, and 337.645, to read as follows:

337.615. 1. Each applicant for licensure as a clinical social worker shall furnish evidence to the committee that:

(1) The applicant has a master's degree from a college or university program of social work accredited by the council of social work education or a doctorate degree from a school of social work acceptable to the committee;

(2) The applicant has completed **at least** three thousand hours of supervised clinical experience with a qualified clinical supervisor, as defined in section 337.600, in no less than twenty-four months and no more than forty-eight consecutive calendar months. **For any applicant who has successfully completed at least four thousand hours of supervised clinical experience with a qualified clinical supervisor, as defined in section 337.600, within the same time frame prescribed in this subsection, the applicant shall be eligible for application of licensure at three thousand hours and shall be furnished a certificate by the state committee for social workers acknowledging the completion of said additional hours;**

(3) The applicant has achieved a passing score, as defined by the committee, on an examination approved by the committee. The eligibility requirements for such examination shall be promulgated by rule of the committee;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 (4) The applicant is at least eighteen years of age, is of good moral character, is a United
18 States citizen or has status as a legal resident alien, and has not been convicted of a felony during
19 the ten years immediately prior to application for licensure.

20 2. Any person holding a current license, certificate of registration, or permit from another
21 state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia to practice clinical social work
22 who has had no disciplinary action taken against the license, certificate of registration, or permit
23 for the preceding five years may be granted a license to practice clinical social work in this state
24 if the person meets one of the following criteria:

25 (1) Has received a masters or doctoral degree from a college or university program of
26 social work accredited by the council of social work education and has been licensed to practice
27 clinical social work for the preceding five years; or

28 (2) Is currently licensed or certified as a clinical social worker in another state, territory
29 of the United States, or the District of Columbia having substantially the same requirements as
30 this state for clinical social workers.

31 3. The committee shall issue a license to each person who files an application and fee
32 as required by the provisions of sections 337.600 to 337.689 and who furnishes evidence
33 satisfactory to the committee that the applicant has complied with the provisions of subdivisions
34 (1) to (4) of subsection 1 of this section or with the provisions of subsection 2 of this section.

337.643. 1. No person shall use the title of licensed master social worker and engage
2 in the practice of master social work in this state unless the person is licensed as required by the
3 provisions of this section and section 337.644.

4 2. A licensed master social worker shall be deemed qualified to practice the applications
5 of social work theory, knowledge, methods and ethics and the professional use of self to restore
6 or enhance social, psychosocial, or biopsychosocial functioning of individuals, couples, families,
7 groups, organizations, and communities. "Master social work practice" includes the applications
8 of specialized knowledge and advanced practice skills in the management, information and
9 referral, counseling, supervision, consultation, education, research, advocacy, community
10 organization, and the development, implementation, and administration of policies, programs,
11 and activities. Under supervision as provided in sections 337.600 to 337.689, the practice of
12 master social work may include the practices reserved to clinical social workers or advanced
13 macro social workers for no more than forty-eight consecutive calendar months for the purpose
14 of obtaining licensure under section 337.615 or 337.645. **No licensed master social worker
15 shall practice independently the scope of practice reserved for clinical social workers or
16 advanced macro social workers. This shall mean that any practices reserved to licensed
17 clinical social workers or licensed advanced macro social workers performed by licensed
18 master social workers shall be for the purpose of obtaining licensure under section 337.615**

19 **or 337.645 in an employment setting where either a licensed clinical social worker or**
20 **licensed advanced macro social worker is a registered supervisor approved by the state**
21 **committee for social work.**

337.645. 1. Each applicant for licensure as an advanced macro social worker shall
2 furnish evidence to the committee that:

3 (1) The applicant has a master's degree from a college or university program of social
4 work accredited by the council of social work education or a doctorate degree from a school of
5 social work acceptable to the committee;

6 (2) The applicant has completed **at least** three thousand hours of supervised advanced
7 macro experience with a qualified advanced macro supervisor as defined in section 337.600 in
8 no less than twenty-four months and no more than forty-eight consecutive calendar months. **For**
9 **any applicant who has successfully completed at least four thousand hours of supervised**
10 **advanced macro experience with a qualified advanced macro supervisor, as defined in**
11 **section 337.600, within the same time frame prescribed in this subsection, the applicant**
12 **shall be eligible for application of licensure at three thousand hours and shall be furnished**
13 **a certificate by the state committee for social workers acknowledging the completion of**
14 **said additional hours;**

15 (3) The applicant has achieved a passing score, as defined by the committee, on an
16 examination approved by the committee. The eligibility requirements for such examination shall
17 be promulgated by rule of the committee;

18 (4) The applicant is at least eighteen years of age, is of good moral character, is a United
19 States citizen or has status as a legal resident alien, and has not been convicted of a felony during
20 the ten years immediately prior to application for licensure.

21 2. Any person holding a current license, certificate of registration, or permit from another
22 state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia to practice advanced macro
23 social work who has had no disciplinary action taken against the license, certificate of
24 registration, or permit for the preceding five years may be granted a license to practice advanced
25 macro social work in this state if the person meets one of the following criteria:

26 (1) Has received a master's or doctoral degree from a college or university program of
27 social work accredited by the council of social work education and has been licensed to practice
28 advanced macro social work for the preceding five years; or

29 (2) Is currently licensed or certified as an advanced macro social worker in another state,
30 territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia having substantially the same
31 requirements as this state for advanced macro social workers.

32 3. The committee shall issue a license to each person who files an application and fee
33 as required by the provisions of sections 337.600 to 337.689 and who furnishes evidence

34 satisfactory to the committee that the applicant has complied with the provisions of subdivisions
35 (1) to (4) of subsection 1 of this section or with the provisions of subsection 2 of this section.

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